

# Weld County Field Guide: Native Annuals

The pictures below identify some features of the most misidentified weedy native annuals in Weld County.

## Prickly poppy

White flowers



Spiny blue-green leaves with white veins and yellow sap when broken



Seedheads



## Common cocklebur

Seedlings



Larger plants with large leaves



Similar to wild licorice seeds (Left)  
Common cocklebur seeds (Right)



## Buffalobur

Yellow flowers



Very spiny



Rosette has small oak-like leaves  
Germinates in mid summer



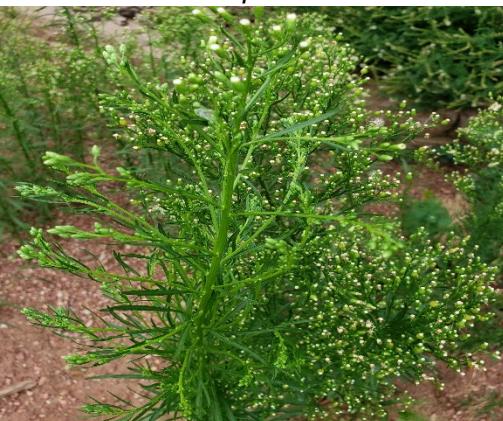
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### Marestail

Unremarkable flower



Tall plant



*Tannic and gallic acids may cause skin and mucosal irritation*



### Redroot pigweed

Growing plant



Red roots



Seedlings



### Common knotweed

Infestation



White and pink flowers



Vining



## Marshelder - aka Horseweed, False ragweed, Giant marshelder

Seeds



Commonly 3 to 8 feet tall



Large leaves



## Snow on the Mountain

All parts are poisonous if ingested



May cause allergic reaction or skin irritation



Infestation



## Giant ragweed

Large leaves



3 to 12 feet tall



The pollen is an allergy sufferer's worst nightmare!



## Common ragweed

Leaves



Up to 3 ft tall and branching



Small greenish flowers turn yellowish or brown as they mature



## Umbrella plant

Stems and leaf structure



Rosette



White to bright pink flowers in round heads on leafless stems



## Fetid marigold

Yellow flowers



Livestock discouraged from grazing by strong odor



A member of the sunflower family



For assistance in dealing with these weeds and with noxious weeds go to  
[www.weldweeds.org](http://www.weldweeds.org) or call 970-400-3770